

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to one or more of the following Arkansas Codes, 20-76-201(13), 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-76-433, 20-77-102, 20-77-107, 20-77-603, 25-10-129, the Director of the Division of Medical Services and the Division of Behavioral Health Services hereby issues the following proposed changes in the Medical Assistance Program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Effective December 1, 2003, the certification process utilized by the Division of Behavioral Services (DBHS) for Rehabilitative Services for Persons with Mental Illness (RSPMI) providers for enrollment with Arkansas Medicaid will be revised and made a part of the Arkansas Medicaid Provider Policy Manual and the Division of Behavioral Health Services Policy Manual.

The proposed Arkansas Medicaid State Plan Amendment to providers is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Planning and Development, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access it on the Medicaid website (www.medicaid.state.ar.us), and download it from the "Proposed Rules For Public Comment" section of the website's *General* menu. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed". All comments must be submitted in writing no later than October 21, 2003.

The proposed Division of Behavioral Health Services Policy: RSPMI Provider Certification by the Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) is available for review at the Division of Behavioral Health Services, 3rd floor Administration Building, 4313 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205. You may also access it on the DBHS website (www.state.ar.us/dhs/dmhs). All comments must be submitted in writing no later than October 21, 2003.

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